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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM GOV. HARRIMAN TO ROBERT
HUNTER OF SEN KENNEDY'S PARTY.

REFERENCE TO MOSCOW UNIVERSITY SPEECH DRAFT 3 YOU SENT ME
I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. P. 1, 1ST PARAGRAPH, LAST SENTENCE. BELIEVE IT IS TOO
SHATTERING TO TALK ABOUT CATASTROPHIC WAR SO EARLY IN
SPEECH. SUGGEST SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT "I KNOW THE
PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES WANT ABOVE ALL ELSE TO AVOID
WAR AND TO OPEN THE WAY FOR A MORE HOPEFUL WORLD."

2. P.2, AFTER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY QUOTE SUGGEST YOU GIVE
CREDIT TO KHRUSHCHEV BY SAYING SOMETHING TO HE EFFECT
THAT CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV RESPONDED FAVORABLY WHICH LED TO
AGREEMENT ON LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY WITHIN FEW WEEKS OR
WITHIN SIX WEEKS.

3. P.3, LAST PARAGRAPH. SUGGEST GIVING CREDIT TO RED
ARMY BY SAYING PERHAPS "AMERICANS HAD PROFOUND ADMIRATION
FOR RED ARMY." SAME PARAGRAPH, SUGGEST CUTTING REFERENCE
TO CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS. SEEMS TO ME THIS IS TOO SENSITIVE

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A SUBJECT AND NOT NECESSARY TO TOUCH ON.

4. P.3, 1ST PARAGRAPH. SUGGEST CHANGING "HOSTILITIES"
TO "CONFRONTATIONS."

5. TOP OF P.4. I DON'T THINK THE RUSSIANS WILL BELIEVE
YOU THAT DIFFERENT LEADERS DO NOT AFFECT FOREIGN POLICY
OR THAT THERE IS A BASIC CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY. CERTAINLY DULLES PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED IT AND NOW
JACKSON IS NEGATIVE. SUGGEST SUBSTITUTION OF SOMETHING
THAT IS MORE BELIEVABLE TO THE AUDIENCE.

6. P.4. SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING "GOOD WILL" FOR "GOOD
INTENTIONS AND BEHAVIOR."

7. P.5, 2ND PARAGRAPH. I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE RUSSIANS
FOR GET THE WAR. ALSO, CHANGE "VOLGA" TO "STALINGRAD."

8. P.9. I PERSONALLY WOULDN'T REFER TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

9. P. 13. TRADE IS ALL IMPORTANT FOR THE SOVIETS,
PRESTIGE AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE. CAN'T YOU BE MORE
DEFINITE?

10. P.14. SUGGEST EITHER CUTTING "GATT" OR PUTTING IT
AFTER THE OTHER TWO INSTITUTIONS.

11. P.16. AFTER 2ND PARAGRAPH YOU MIGHT WANT TO SUGGEST
THAT SOVIETS HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE UNITED
STATES.

REFERRING TO ROUGH DRAFT FOR U.S. INSTITUTE SPEECH

1. P.2. SUGGEST CONCLUDING FIRST SENTENCE WITH "AND
OTHER IMPORTANT NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS.

2. P.4, 2ND LINE. SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING "I AM CONVINCED"
FOR "I BELIEVE."

3. P.5. SUGGEST CUTTING OUT HERE AND ELSEWHERE REFERENCES
TO "LONG AND SLOW PROCESS" AND CHANGING IT TO "DIFFICULT
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TASK." FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I AM CONVINCED THESE
QUESTIONS CAN BE SETTLED REASONABLY QUICKLY IF THEY ARE
TAKEN OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE TECHNICIANS AND THE
NEGOTIATORS HAVE SUFFICIENT STATUS TO BE FLEXIBLE.

4. P.6, FOUR LINES FROM THE BOTTOM. SUGGEST CHANGING
"SINGLE STEP" TO "IMMEDIATE STEP."

5. P.9, 4TH LINE. SUGGEST ADDING "FULLY" BEFORE
"EFFECTIVE."

6. P. 10, LINE 3. CUT "LONG". KISSINGER

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